

## **AVAILABILITY OF 2012 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority (VIHFA) announces the availability of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) applications for the 2012 grant year.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds may be used for:

- Provision of "street outreach"/essential services for chronically homeless (unsheltered) persons. Eligible activities include engagement, case management, emergency health services, and ground transportation.
- Operation or renovation of facilities providing emergency shelter
- Provision of essential services for persons housed in an emergency shelter
- Homelessness prevention and/or rapid re-housing services for qualified individuals and families who are literally homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. Eligible activities include intake services, housing search & placement, and case management relative to assisting clients

Applications will be available for pick-up between the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at VIHFA's offices located at 3202 Demarara No. 3 (Frenchtown Plaza), St. Thomas, and Frits Lawaetz Complex, Suite 212 Frederiksted, St. Croix starting on Friday, April 13, 2012. Applications will be due on May 11, 2012 at 4:30 PM. **No extensions of the due date will be granted.**

Orientation sessions for prospective applicants will be held in the respective island districts as follows: St. Thomas/St. John – Tuesday, April 17, 2012 and St. Croix – Thursday, April 19, 2012. The sessions, which will be held at the VIHFA's Training Room on each respective island, will begin at 10:00 AM. Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to attend the orientation sessions.

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